

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the Franklin Regional Transit Center. Olver secured the funding in the FY08 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations bill. Olver is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD and worked in the Senate to secure the funding. The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciliation bill. "Such a facility would be a great boon to Greenfield and Franklin County," Olver said. "We have seen many transit centers built in other parts of the country. Currently, Greenfield serves as the centralized location for accessing intra-county, inter-city, interstate, and international transit. This project will build an approximately 24,000 square foot green and centralize all transit operations in one location. Congressman Olver secured \$1.485 million of federal transportation funds in FY06 for site acquisition and construction of the center. ### For additional information, contact: Tina Cote, FRTA Administrator, 413-774-2262 or Linda Dunlap, 413-774-2263.